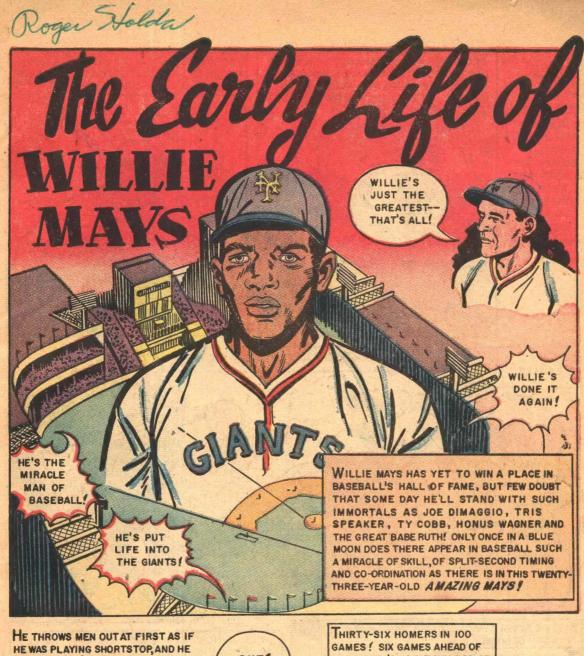




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TWENTY
THREE
YEARS
AGO, IN A
BIRMINGHAM,
ALABAMA,
SUBURB...

...ANOTHER
WILLIE MAYS,
A STEELWORKER, WAS
ALREADY WELL
KNOWN
LOCALLY AS
A PLAYER
WITH THE
PAMED BLACK
BARONS ...



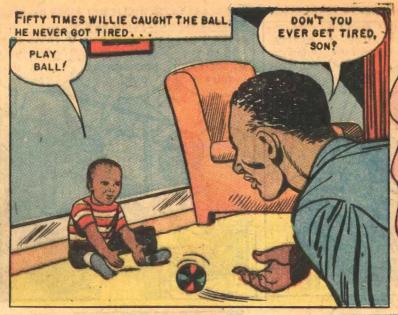








WILLIE
JUNIOR WAS
ONLY 14
MONTHS OLD
WHEN HIS DAD
BEGAN TEACHING HIM BASEBALL, EVERY
AFTERNOON
HE'D ROLL A
RUBBER BALL
ACROSS THE
FLOOR TO
WILLIE...



BY THE TIME
WILLIE WAS
THREE, FATHER
AND SON WERE
PLAYING CATCH,
AND WHEN HE
WAS ONLY SIX,
ALL ALONE, HE'D
HIT FUNGOES
ON THE DIAMOND
ACROSS THE
STREET





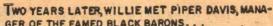
YOUNG
WILLIE
SLEPT,
ATE AND
BREATHED
BASEBALL!
HE WORKED
AT IT THE
WAY OTHER
KIDS PLAY
GAMES!





WILLIE'S LONG
AND OFTEN
LONELY HOURS
OF CONSTANT
PRACTICE WERE
DESTINED TO
PAY OFF BIG!
LIKE MOST KIDS,
HE HAD HIS
DREAMS OF THE
BIG LEAGUES,
BUT UNLIKE
MANY, HE MADE
THEM COME
TRUE!







WILLIE'S
FIRST TRYOUT WITH
THE
BLACK
BARONS
WAS IN A
DOUBLEHEADER...





IN THE FIRST GAME, WILLIE HIT TWO FOR FOUR, AND ONE FOR THREE IN THE SECOND. . .



AFTER ONE MORE GAME, WILLIE WAS THE BARONS'

















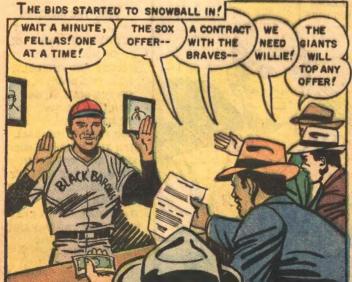






BUT THEY
HAD TO WAIT
UNTIL WILLIE
GRADUATED
FROM HIGH
SCHOOL.
MEANWHILE
OFFERS WERE
COMING IN TO
THE BARONS
FOR THE YOUNG
MIRACLE PLAYER.

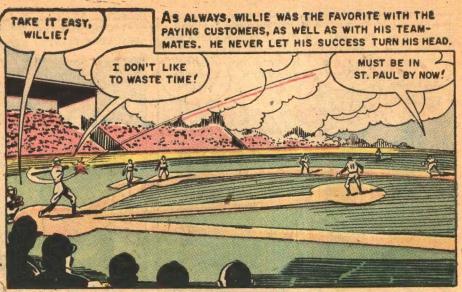




WILLIE WAS AT LAST ON THE GIANTS, FOR \$10,000 TO THE BARONS AND A GOOD PERSONAL BONUS FOR HIMSELF.



WILLIE STARTED WITH THE GIANTS' TRENTON, N. J. CLUB IN THE CLASS B INTERSTATE LEAGUE, AND BY THE FOLLOWING **SPRING (1951) HE** WAS PLAYING TRIPLE-A BALL WITH THE MINNEAPOLIS MILLERS. HE WAS PLAYING BETTER THAN EVER, GETTING HIS START AS THE MIRACLE PLAYER OF THE NATIONAL GAME...

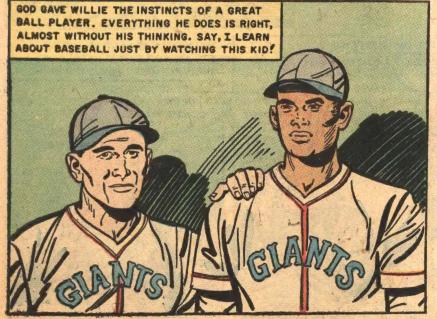




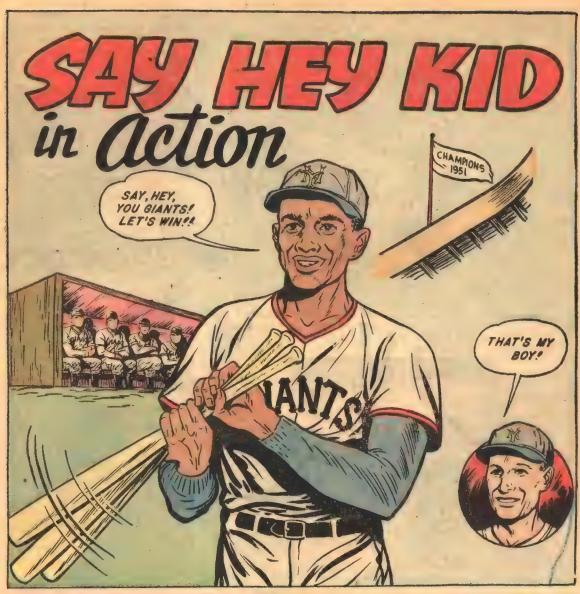
AND HE BEGAN TO CONNECT
ALMOST EVERY OTHER TIME AT
BAT.

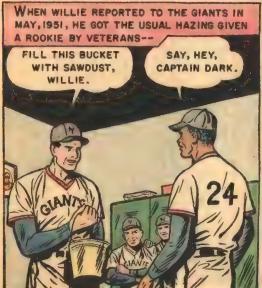
THAT'S SOMETHING LIKE
JOE USED TO DO IT!

AS USUAL, HIS WORK PAID OFF,



AND THE AMAZING WILLIE MAYS HAS NOT YET REACHED THE PEAK OF HIS CAREER. MODEST AND FRIENDLY, HE'S THE SPARKPLUG OF THE GIANTS, AND STILL FINDS TIME TO GET OUT IN THE STREET AND PLAY STICK-BALL WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD KIDS. AND WHO KNOWS BUT WHEN THE HISTORY OF BASEBALL IS FINALLY WRITTEN FOR ALL TIME. THE NAME OF WILLIE MAYS MAY TOP THE LIST OF THE DIAMOND IMMORTALS!







WILLIE FOUND THE GOING TOUGH

THAT MAY DAY, WILLIE HIT HIS FIRST MAJOR LEAGUE HOME RUN OFF THE STYLISH WARREN SPAHN, TRICKY SOUTHPAW OF THE BRAVES!ON JUNE 2, HE GOT TWO HITS AND BEAT THE CARDINALS, BUT IT WASN'T HIS PLAYING THAT HELPED LED'S MEN, IT WAS HIS SAY-HEY SMRIT!





BUT ON AUG. 12, THE GIANTS STILL TRAILED BY 13 GAMES. THEN ON AUG. 14--



FURILLO TOOK A TOE-HOLD WITH COX ON 3D--

BUT WILLIE RAN TO HIS LEFT AND MADE AN ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE CATCH!







AND THE MIRACLE DRIVE WAS ON! DAY AFTER DAY THE GIANTS CREPT CLOSER TO THE LEAGUE-LEADING DODGERS. THEY WERE TIED AT THE SEASON'S END! THEY WERE TIED AFTER THE SECOND PLAY-OFF CONTEST! AND THEN ON OCT. 3, 1951, THE GAME OF THE CENTURY BEGAN AT THE POLO GROUNDS, THE DODGERS LEADING THE GIANTS, 4-1, AS THE 9TH BEGAN ...





THE
GIANTS
FOUGHT
THE
YANKEES
HARD IN
THE
WORLD
SERIES,
BUT
LOST TO
THE
FAMOUS
CHAMPIONS.
AFTERWARDS

IT WAS THE GREAT DIMAGGIO'S LAST SERIES--AND WILLIE'S FIRST.

THANKS FOR YOU'RE YOUR CONGRATULATIONS, I'D LIKE
WILLIE!YOU
PLAYED GREAT
BALL, TOO!





WILLIE'S 1951 RECORD!

RUNS59
HITS127
TOTAL BASES219
DOUBLES 22
HOMERS 20
RBI'S68
BATTING AVG274
SLUGGING AVG472
SAY HEY SPIRIT 1.000!





THE GIANTS MISSED HIM, FINISHING 2ND IN '52 AND 5TH IN '53.



THE NEW MAYS, THE MOST AMAZING BALL PLAYER OF THE DAY. BEGAN '54 WHERE HE HAD LEFT OFF IN '52! IN THE SEASON'S OPEN-ING GAME, THE SCORE TIED 3-3 IN THE 6TH, HE STEPPED UP TO. THE PLATE AND --

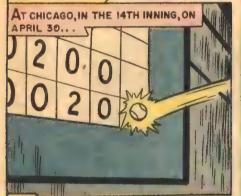


WILLIE'S FIRST HOMER OF '54 BEAT THE DODGERS! IT WAS A NEW WILLIE! BIGGER, STRONGER, OLDER AND MORE POTENT...





WILLIE DID IT AGAIN, WITH AL DARK ON FIRST, GIVING THE GIANTS A START TOWARD A 6-2 TRIUMPH...



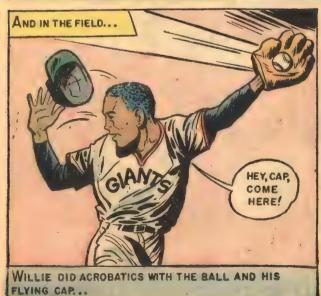
WILLIE HIT HACKER'S FIRST PITCH FOR A SCREAMING HOMER TO BREAK UP A 2-2 TIE! IT WAS THE FIRST HIT OFF HACKER IN '54!

ALL KINDS OF PITCHING LOOKED THE SAME TO THE WONDER KID...

CINCINNATI MAY 6

CHICAGO MAY 8

CHICAGO MAY 8





ON JUNE 21, WILLIE BEGAN A TERRIFIC BATTING SURGE THAT REMINDED OLD-TIMERS OF BABE RUTH AT HIS BEST! HE MADE TWO HOMERS AND A SINGLE THAT DAY AGAINST THE CARDINALS!THE NEXT DAY HE TIED THE SCORE WITH A 9TH INNING HOMER AND THE GIANTS WENT ON TO WIN, ON JUNE 24, HE TOOK OVER THE LEAGUE LEAD IN HOMERS WITH 23 !





WILLIE SCORED ON HOFMAN'S SINGLE FOR A 3-2 VIC-

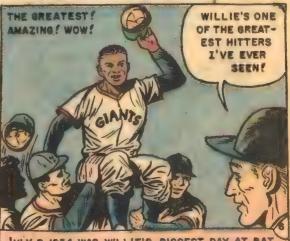
TORY! YEA, WILLIE!

FROM THE DODGERS!



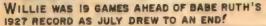


HOMER AS THE GIANTS MADE IT FIVE STRAIGHT



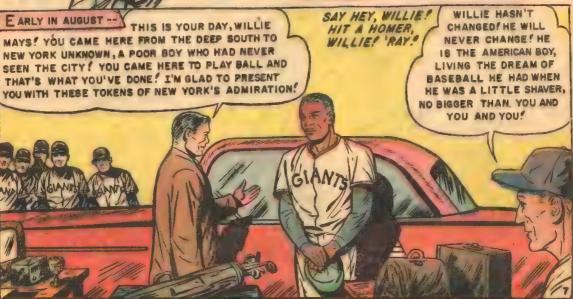
JULY 8, 1954 WAS WILLIE'S BIGGEST DAY AT BAT.
TWO HOMERS! FIVE RUNS BATTED IN! LEAGUELEADER IN HOMERS WITH 30! NO WONDER THE
GIANTS LICKED THE DODGERS SIX GAMES IN A ROW!









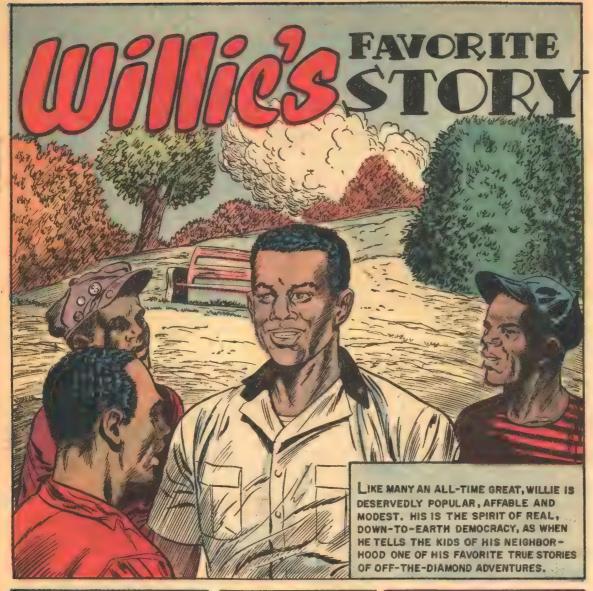




IN A BREAKFAST-FOOD POLL TO SELECT AN ALL AMERICA TEAM, THE FANS NAMED HIM FOR RIGHT FIELD AND THIRD BASE- HE PLAYED BOTH POSITIONS THAT YEAR -

AS HE LOOKED IN HIS EARLIER DAYS

FRANK



I DIDN'T STICK AROUND WITH THE BOYS AFTER THE GAME, I FELT LIKE GOING OUT ON MY OWN THAT EVENING...



I MYSTIFIED MY LANDLADY THAT EVENING. BUT I HAD MY OWN IDEAS WHAT I WAS GOING TO DO...

WHERE YOU GOING, WILLIE, IN THOSE OLD CLOTHES???



WHEN I GOT NEAR THE PLACE I WAS HEADED FOR, I KNEW THIS WAS O.K., BECAUSE NONE OF THE KIDS WERE AROUND. BUT I KNEW WHERE THEY'D BE...





I guess I had the right prescription for that kid, because he sure connected for a real cool double, way out to



LIKE EVERYTHING ELSE, IT TAKES PRACTICE TO SLIDE, AND THIS KID HADN'T LEARNED THE TRICK. HIS LEG WASN'T HURT BAD, BUT HE'D BE OUT OF THE GAME FOR A WHILE...





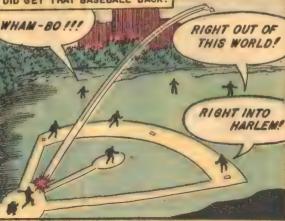




THAT PITCHER TOSSED ME AN EASY ONE, BUT WHEN I'M PLAYING BALL, I DON'T THINK OF ANYTHING BUT PLAYING BALL. IT'S JUST MY WAY. AND WE NEVER DID GET THAT BASEBALL BACK!

WHAM-BO!!!

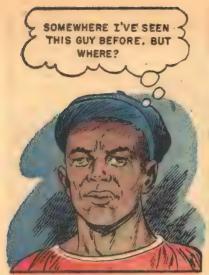
RIGHT OUT OF











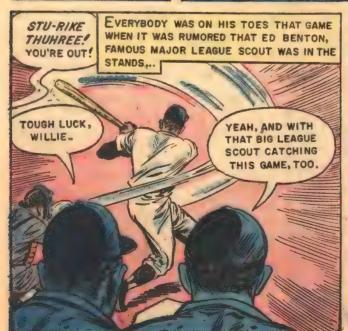


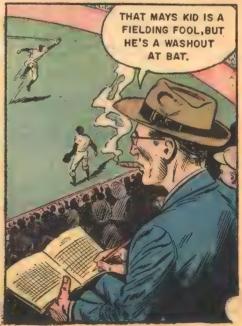


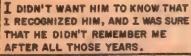




THINKING BACK YEARS AGO, WHEN I WAS PLAYING IN BIRMINGHAM, I REMEMBER VIVIDLY THE LAST TIME I SAW HIM. BUT NOW IT LOOKED LIKE HE'D SEEN SOME TOUGH LUCK FOR A LONG TIME, AND I WAS SURE SORRY TO SEE IT. ONE AFTERNOON WHILE I WAS PLAYING WITH THE BLACK BARONS...









I DECIDED TO GO ALONG WITH THE GAG, PARTIALLY OUT OF CURIOSITY, AND PARTLY BECAUSE I WANTED TO HELP MR. BENTON, IF I COULD THINK OF SOME WAY TO DO IT.

YOU'VE GOT A SOUNDS OKAY TO ME, MISTER.







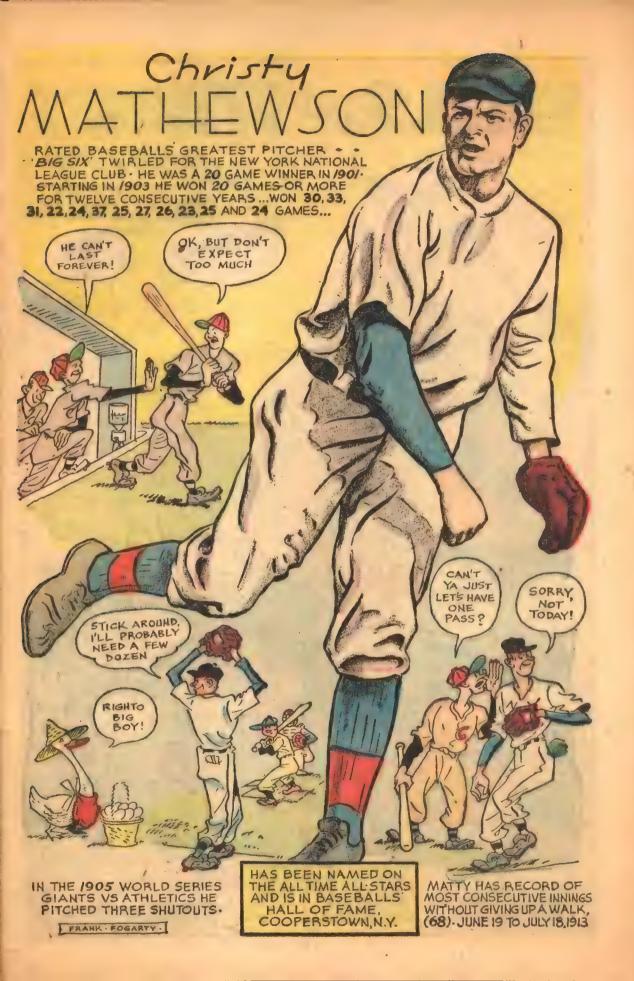


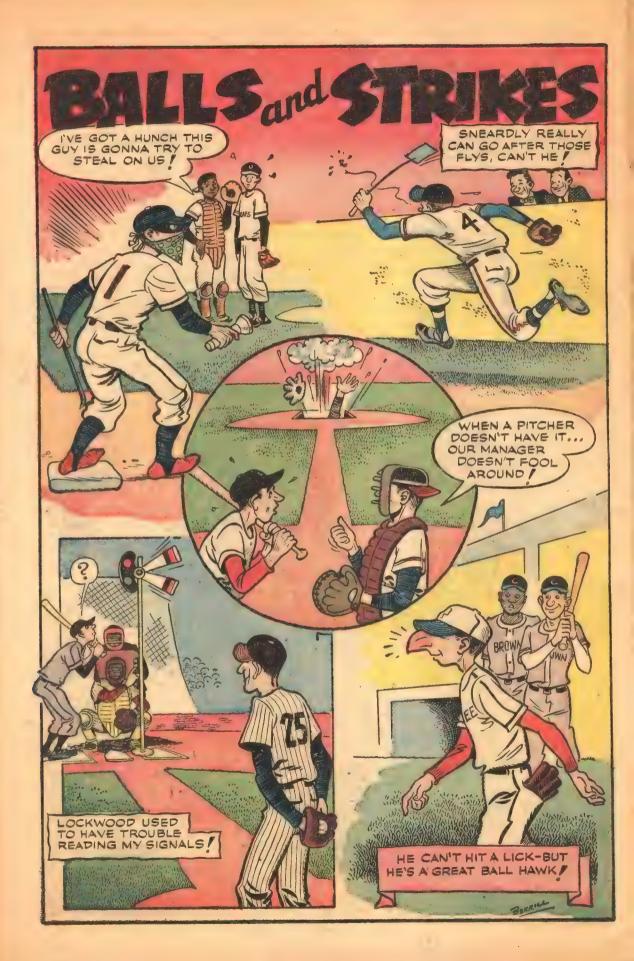
I FOUND OUT THAT
MR. BENTON HAD
HAD SOME REAL
TOUGH BREAKS.
HE WAS OUT OF A
JOB, AND TRYING
TO GET BACK IN
THE WORK HE KNEW
AND LIKED... SO
NEXT DAY --

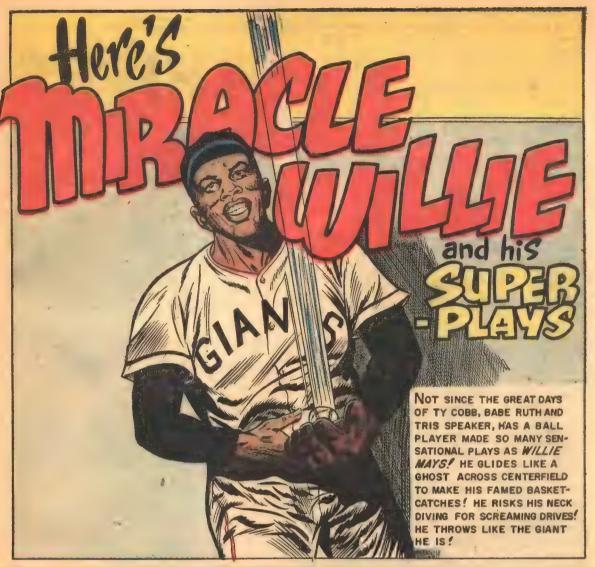


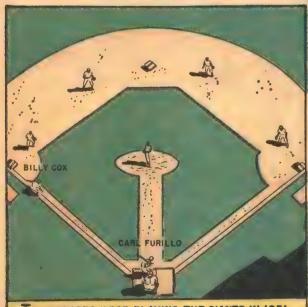












THE DODGERS WERE PLAYING THE GIANTS IN 1951.
COX WAS ON THIRD, FURILLO AT BAT...

FURILLO SMASHED A SURE TRIPLE TO RIGHT



WILLIE RACED TO HIS LEFT AND MADE A BRILLIANT CATCH! COX SEEMED A CINCH TO SCORE! BUT--







IN THE PRESS BOX, WRITERS WERE AMAZED ---





BOBBY MORGAN OF THE DODGERS SMACKED A WHISTLER TO LEFT CENTER.









LATER, IN THE DODGER DRESSING ROOM, JACKIE ROBINSON AND PEE WEE REESE PAID A TRIBUTE TO THE AMAZING MAYS!

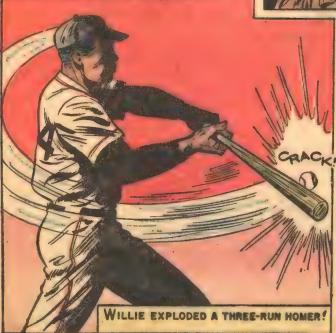


FINISHED IN 53, 35 GAMES BEHIND THE CHAMPION

THE GIANTS



IN THE FIRST GAME OF THE '64 SEASON--





WILLIE SINGLED AND WITH HANK THOMPSON AT BAT, CAUGHT THE SACRIFICE BUNT SIGN!







THE AMAZING MAYS NOTICED THAT THIRD BASE HAD BEEN LEFT UNGUARDED!

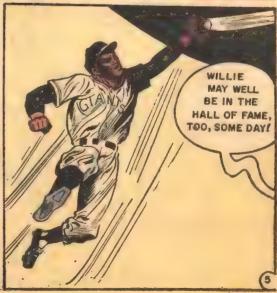


BUT IT WAS AS A
BATTER THAT WILLIE
EXCELLED IN 1954!
AIDED BY TEN POUNDS
GAINED IN THE ARMY,
HE POWERED THE BALL
TO FAR CORNERS OF
THE LOT, ASSAILING
BABE RUTH'S IMMORTAL
HOME RUN RECORD, SO
FOUR-BASERS, MADE IN
1927!









HOT DOG! BET THIS OUGHTA CONVINCE OLD













Doings BEST CLEAN-UP HITTER IN THE LEAGUE! I SYMPATHIZE WITH YOU, PAL... BEING PICKED OFF FIRST-AIN'T NO JOKE! I THINK THEYRE CARRYING THIS LADIES - DAY BUSINESS TOO BIRRILL





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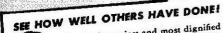
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